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### THE WAR PIPES OF INDIA

means the only corps engaged in the present great European war whose feet are lightened on the march, whose periods of inactivity are made endurawhose attacking proclivities are enhanced by the "screed" of the

Both Sikh and Ghurka regiments of the British Indian army have full com plements of pipers and drummers for It seems to be characteristic of dwellers in mountainous countries generally that they love the piercing sound of read instruments and all of the Ghurkas and many of the Sikhs are hillmen. They have their own native forms of the bag-

the Sikhs are hillmen. They have their own native forms of the bagpipes, but they are a liminutive affair and cannot be heard by a large number of men. Consequently, in line with the policy adopted by the British since the Indian mutiny of deferring to the customs and consulting the tastes of the Indian troops, genuine highland war pipes were made for the delectation of the Ghurkas and Sikhs. These instruments made a hit with the dusky brethren from the start, and they had little trouble in mastering the larger instruments, with the result that at the head of each regiment on the march or on parade came the pipers and drummers in charge of a pipe major, as in the Scottish corps. The Ghurkas, the wiry little men of part Mongolian blood, are very like the highlanders in methods of fighting and temperament, and in Indian campaigns of the past Ghurka and highland regiments have often co-operated and fraternized to a great extent. The "kukri," or broad-bladed hunting knife of the little green-clad riflemen, is used at close quarters very much as the wild highlandman of 1745 used his dirk. A great musical instrument house in Edinburgh, the largest manufacturer of highland pipes in the world, announced as long ago as 1905 that the number of instruments sent annually by them to India greatly exceeded the number supplied to Scottish regiments, and that British India was the largest consumer of bagpipes in the world. Since the recent increase of the Ghurka



PIPER OF A ROYAL BENGAL IN FANTRY REGIMENT.

Given Way, But It Is Often

Disregarded.

BERLIN, October 15.-To say

#### GERMAN MILITARY BAND **MILITARY IN GERMANY** PLAYS AS SHELLS BURST ABSOLUTE DURING WAR

master Tells How Merry Airs Added to Din of Battle at Night.

of the Associated Press. BERLIN, October 17 .-- A concert on the firing line is thus described by

Quietly, and the soldiers joined in with spirit. Somewhat later the French attempted a forward movement, and we promptly received them with 'Dolly, You Are the Light of My Eyes.' The French did not seem to trust this assurance, however, for they hastily withdrew, to the resounding laughter of our men, who did splendid shooting. In order to make it clear to the French just whom they had in their front, I next struck up the flery 'Radetzki,' and just as the rising sun was coloring the east blood-red I closed the concert with the hopeful choral, 'Fair Beams the Morning Star.' Many of the soldiers, holding their rifles in fining position, joined in lustily."

Becker has recently received the iron cross in recognition of his bravery.

"Nobody will be admitted to see the prisoners," he said. "And as long as I am command. These men were famed for their honesty, which soon became known throughout the world. The that the visitors were present by invitation of the government made no difference to him. The civil officials of Germany realize that the neutral nations are getting so little news from the German side is in some degree the fault of this lack of co-operation between the civil and the military officials. If the former could have their way, the foreign press service from Gicers, and over each hundred officers, and over each under of one Kossak in command. These men user law in the fact

DR. OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES.

His Important Medical Discovery Should Be Recorded.

From the New York Sun.
The Harvard Alumni Bulletin con-The Harvard Alumni Bulletin contains a letter from a gradutate suggesting that in the contemplated memorial to Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes some worthy recognition be made of his incomparable service to mankind in the discovery and propagation against obstacles that would have deterred a less honest and sympathetic mind of the contagiousness of childhood fever and its remedy. Lay persons and unfortunately many in the profession are unaware of this epoch-making discovery by a man whose memory is beloved and honored for his literary attainments only. A disease which consigned thousands of recent mothers to untimely graves was suddenly deprived of its malign prevalence by the discovery of Dr. Holmes that it was contracted by contact with the doctor or nurse and that simple precautions by them would prevent its occurrence. Persecuted in his own country by the ridicule of great professors in that specialty, Holmes pursued the even tenor of his way until his idea was accepted in England. Thence it was carried to the continent, where it was taken up by a Hungarian physician who reduced the mortality in the Vienna hospitals enormously. To the latter his countrymen have erected a monument in Budapest, and annually homage is paid to his memory, while Holmes is barely remembered in the United States for this scientific discovery, which it is said he valued more highly than his literary tains a letter from a gradutate sugscientific discovery, which it is said he valued more highly than his literary

valued more highly than his literary fame.

It is a significant fact that while achievements of military heroes and statesmen are blazoned upon bronze and marble, the victories over disease and death achieved by the physician rarely receive public recognition. Only through the contributions of his own colleagues there stands in this city one statue dedicated to a physician, that of Dr. Marion Sims in Bryant Park. The discovery of anesthesia is not commemorated in New York in bronze or marble, and the achievement of the modest man who discovered the pathology of apand the achievement of the modest man who discovered the pathology of appendicitis and pointed out the only safe treatment will probably never be generally known. How many laymen have heard of Reginald Fitz? And yet there are few families in this country or the world that do not owe the life of one or more members to this patient plodder, this modest student of pathology, while the surgeons who daily perform the operation devised by him are reaping fame and fortune.

A statue of Reginald Fitz should be erected. The world will be benefited by the spirit of emulation aroused by such monuments and it will be bettered by the sympathetic recognition of true worth.

### THE PICTURESQUE COSSACKS

THE Russian Cossack, that rider famed for his daring and his horsemanship, is today the most unique of the troops engaged in the titanic struggle in Europe. And the history of his rise is as interesting as his personality.

The birth of this unique organization was in the seventeenth century, when what is now Russia was a vast, wild land, inhabited by peoples of various natural about on the ground between the huts of the Setch were bits of artillery and odd cannon, while before the doors the men would pass their time in singing, drinking and making merry, smoking and dancing being part of the program. Their costume was unique, being gaudy and rich in parts, while in some things it was coarse and dirty. The trousers were wide and had been first soaked in fish oil; these were often worn until they fell apart. Some wore a fine coat trimmed with gold, but smeared

HE Russian Coesack, to family the form of his draing and his long family for his draing and his long family for his draing and his long family means free men, or free warriors, a word which is as old as the eleventh century. Here in the south of Russia they took their stand, on the steppes which abounded in fruit, fish and game.

To procure weapons, clothing and horses they at first attacked the Tartar camps, and, having obtained these things, they turned themselves to perfecting the arts of kunting, riding and swimming, in which sports they became adepts. Their torsemanship turned to various feats such as are now seen in the circus, picking up a handkerchief while at full gallop, jumping to different positions and standing upright in the saddle while firing. Their horses were of fine breeding and dashing in their way, tearing about madly as if they enjoyed the chase, but hardy as a Shetland pony.

The Kossaki began to help those in the lands they had forsaken, to aid the helpless and drive back Turk or Tartar. Growing by the rapid influx of discontented men from all parts of Russia, they soon became a large body and divided into two classes—the Kossaki who lived in villages and those men who lived in villages and those men who lived in a town which cultivated the surrounding lands; they paid no taxes, but declared that they were the guardians of freedom. In war times they joined their comrades of the Zaporojskoe. When a boy was born the father laid a sword beside him in his cradle, saying: "Little Kossak, here is the only thing I can give you with which to take care of me and the others."

The nucleus about which the system revolved was called the "Setch," which was a wooded island in the lower part of the River Dnieper. Here was the home of the organized Kossaki. It was composed of men only—men from all parts of the world, some of learning, others fugitives from justice. But all met on a common footing. The law was that of celibacy, no women being allowed within the limits of the place, and any Kossak who brought one in was put to death. But it grew from refugees, from men from all nations

Civil Authority Has Not Altogether

Bandmaster Adolf Becker with one of the German armies in France:

"After a long march we went into camp at G—, and promised ourselves a good night's rest. At 2:30 we were suddenly and ruely, waked up; our outposts had come into touch with strong French forces, and the whole camp suddenly became alive. A sharp fight was soon in progress. The French artillery was sfring Incessanti from a catent that passes, for instance, from a retillery was firing Incessanti from a catent that passes, for instance, from a retillery was firing Incessanti from a catent that passes, for instance, from the military catent that passes, for instance, from the military growth of the place, artillery was firing Incessanti from a catent that passes, for instance, from the military and sharp whites, to explode with a mighty erash. Their infantry also kept up a bot fire. I went forward with my musicians in a covered position and met Col. von R—, who ordered me to contribute my part to this Infernal concert.

"I crawled forward, therefore, with my men to the most advanced trench, asked them to get out to the great ammsement of the troops, the beautiful air 'I Feel so Fine in the Evening.' After some time the moon came out from behind a thick bank of cloud and iti up the battlefield with its bursting shells, and we gave it a welcome with the melody Good Moon, You Move So Quietly, and the soldiers Joined in with spirit. Someward movement, and addressed them brusquely.

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### THE HOUSE OF HAPSBURG

TODAY, on the throne of Austria, sits an old man, one whose years have seen the snows of eighty-

many by the diet of Frankfort. One of Rudolph's first acts was to annex Austria, which country was made into an archduchy 200 years later. Rudolph, now Emperor of Germany,

archduchy 200 years later.
Rudolph, now Emperor of Germany, vastly increased his domain, which included most of what is now the German states, a part of Switzerland and Austria. For 600 years his family held the crown of Germany, and furnished kings and emperors to Rome. Among these Hapsburgs were twenty-two heads of Austria, three who ruled Portugal, cleven kings of Hungary and Bohemia and six monarchs of Spain. In fact, the Hapsburg blood dominated Europe effectively and was practically in the royal palace of every land.

Rudolph's son, Albert, was murdered Rudolph's son, Albert, was murdered by his cousin, John, Duke of Austria. Archduke Leopold of Austria, the son of the murdered Albert, was defeated in a big battle in Switzerland, in which his proud, armored knights met an ignominious defeat at the hands of the peasantry, and their bodies were left naked on the field. But the family continued to reign not only in Germany, but in most of the other countries of the old world

In the fifteenth century they ac quired Burgundy and the Netherlands,

AND THE RESIDENCE OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY AND LABOR OF THE PROPERTY OF Hapsburg, married, in 1554, Mary Tudor, and always signed himself, by the Grace of God, King of England and France, Naples, Jerusalem and Ire-Spain and Sicily, Archduke of Aus Brabant."

A son of this marriage, Rudolph, in In the seventeenth century the hardy 1273, was elected to the throne of Ger- | Swiss, by the force of their strong arms, were recognized as an indepenthe land which had been the cradle of

> In 1804 the Emperor Francis voltarily gave up the title of Emperor of of Austria. This Francis was suc 1848 abdicated in favor of the present

mperor, Francis Joseph. The coat-of-arms of Austria, the dou-The coat-of-arms of Austria, the double eagle, was acquired far back in the history of the Hapsburgs by a Conrad, who went on a crusade to the Holy Land. With almost a million others he sought to recover the tomb of Christ, but met such a disaster that they brought nothing back with them save this badge, a double eagle, which they had seen on the banners of the heathen foe. Thinking of his large possessions, he adopted the bifurcated bird as the symbol of his family.

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